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| **Skill** | **Exceeds Expectations (4)** | **E/M (3.5)** | **Meets Expectations (3)** | **M/D (2.5)** | **Developing (2)** | **D/E**  **(1.5)** | **Emerging (1)** | **Not Observed** |
| **Asking Questions and Defining Problems** | Asks questions to determine relationships between dependent and independent variables. Questions can be investigated within the scope of laboratory or field work. |  | Asks questions to determine relationships between dependent and independent variables. |  | Asks questions that can be investigated; however, variables are not explicitly indicated or are incorrectly indicated. |  | Asks questions that cannot be investigated. |  |
| Makes hypothesis that specify what happens to a dependent variable when an independent variable is manipulated. |  | Makes hypothesis that correctly identifies dependent and independent variables. |  | Makes hypothesis that is directly related to the question; however the dependent and independent variables are not identified. |  | Makes hypothesis that is indirectly related to the question. |  |
| **Planning and Carrying Out Investigations** | Plans investigation that indicates appropriate tools and techniques to collect data. Considerations for safety are explicitly included in the procedures. |  | Plans investigation that identifies appropriate tools to collect data. Considerations for safety are explicitly included in the procedures. |  | Plans investigation with teacher guidance. General safety considerations are included in the procedures. |  | Significant teacher support needed in order to plan investigation. |  |
| Conducts multiple trials in an investigation in a safe and ethical manner and tools are used appropriately in the collection of data. |  | Conducts investigation in a safe and ethical manner and uses tools appropriately in the collection of data. |  | Conducts investigation or uses tools inappropriately or incorrectly to make measurements needed to collect data. |  | Does not follow procedures in the investigation, uses tools incorrectly, or does not make accurate measurements. |  |
| **Interpret, Analyze and Evaluate Data** | Accurately constructs tables showing independent and dependent variables, repeated trials, and indicates limitations in data analysis |  | Accurately represents data using data tables, charts, and/or graphs and includes supporting details |  | Partially complete or inaccurate placement of data in data tables, charts, and/or graphs. |  | Inaccurate or missing data tables, charts, and/ or graphs |  |
| Accurately analyzes or interprets information using a graph and/or table, identifies patterns in the data, and recognizes unusual or unexpected data. |  | Constructs, analyzes, and interprets graphical displays of data |  | Analyzes or interprets information using a graph and/or table but makes minor mistakes. |  | Analyzes or interprets information using a graph and/or table but makes major mistakes. |  |
| Compares data from different groups and discusses similarities and differences in data across groups. Proposes limitations in data collection that may lead to differences in data generated between different groups. |  | Compares data from different groups and discusses similarities and differences in data across groups. |  | Compares data from different groups and identifies one similarity or difference in data collected. |  | Data between different groups is not compared or is interpreted incorrectly. |  |
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| **Construct and Critique Conclusions and Explanations** | Constructs a conclusion or explanation that indicates the relationship between the dependent and independent variables based on observations or laboratory evidence and applies explanation to new contexts. |  | Constructs a conclusion or explanation that indicates the relationship between the dependent and independent variables based on observations or laboratory evidence. |  | Constructs a conclusion or explanation that indicates the relationship between dependent or independent variables that is not supported with evidence. |  | Constructs a conclusion or explanation that includes an irrelevant claim. |  |
| **Develop and Use Models** | Develops, revises, and/or uses models based on evidence acquired in the laboratory setting to illustrate or predict relationships. |  | Uses or revises models based on evidence acquired in the laboratory setting to illustrate or predict relationships. |  | Uses or revises models with minor errors using evidence acquired in the laboratory setting to illustrate or predict relationships. |  | Uses or revises model that inaccurately. |  |
| **Obtain, Evaluate, and Communicate Information** | Communicates accurate, clear, and complete scientific information. Uses scientific terms and concepts accurately to support explanations. |  | Communicates scientific information that is accurate and clear. Uses scientific terms and concepts accurately to support explanations. |  | Communicates partially accurate and/or minimal information in explanations. Use of scientific terms in explanations is limited or partially accurate. |  | Communicates information that reflects inaccurate concepts. Use of scientific terms is inaccurate or absent. |  |
| **Content**  **SOL\_\_\_\_\_\_** | Explains and applies relative and accurate content. |  | Explains or otherwise applies relevant and accurate content. |  | Identifies or otherwise applied relevant content with minor errors or omissions. |  | Identifies or makes connections to irrelevant content OR relevant with major errors or omissions. |  |